

Faded Flowers, LLC
MCN283840

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Faded Flowers, LLC
d/b/a Faded Flowers
18 Baystate Drive, Chester, MA 01011

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)

The application was reopened more than four times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Raymond Shehata	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Sherif Osman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Ahmed Metwally	Capital Contributor

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Veteran-Owned Business)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 22, 2023.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 22, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Chester on December 21, 2023 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% of individuals who are residents of Pittsfield and Greenfield, Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Provide 2.5% of its net profits to New England Adventures to veterans who are Massachusetts residents and have past drug convictions.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:



#	Goal
1	Recruit veterans (50%), minorities (25%), women (25%), persons with disabilities (25%), individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ (25%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Contract with veterans (50%), minorities (25%), women (25%), persons with disabilities (25%), individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ (25%) for the provision of services required for the operation and maintenance of the Applicant's marijuana establishment.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

